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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to merge the Delhi based National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology (NMI) with the Institute of Archaeology;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to renovate the Museum in various States which are lying in a dilapidated condition?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) : The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(c): The Government of India is primarily responsible for development of museums under the administrative control of the Department of Culture. States are responsible for looking after their museums. However, the Government of India provides financial assistance for development of the museums in the States under the `Scheme of financial assistance for Promotion & Strengthening of Regional & Local Museums` subject to availability of funds.